

A Restaurant in Jaffa Discussion Guide

1. Are you concerned about cyberterrorism at a personal level, where you yourself could be hacked and forced to do something like Corky was? Why or why not?
2. What did you think about the ending? Were you satisfied with the resolution, or disappointed? If you could write one more chapter, how would you continue the story?
3. Sometimes the setting or settings in a book are just as impactful as the characters themselves. How did the settings in the novel (Silicon Valley, New York, DC, Israel, Gaza) affect your perspective on the challenges that the characters faced? Did having a developed sense of place help you understand their viewpoints and the choices they made? How did these settings add to or subtract from the book as a whole?
4. What did you think about Mrs. Feeney? What role did she play in the novel?
5. Were there scenes in the book you thought were unique, thought-provoking, or disturbing? How so, and how do you think these parts affected the way you perceived the characters and their motivations?
6. If you were making a movie based on this book, who would you cast for the main characters and why?
7. Do you think Ryan's father will find peace with his wife's death now that Ryan is successful? Do you think he'll move on himself?
8. How did the unraveling of Corky's story affect the way you viewed his character in general?
9. What do you think Hassan's future is going to look like based on his past and his situation at the end of the book?
10. What was your favorite moment in the book? Your least favorite? Why?
11. Do you have a new perspective on modern-day international conflict and relations as a result of reading this book? Did you learn something about technology, a different culture, or any of the other themes that contributed to the plot that you didn't know beforehand?